

BEST WE EVER HAD

That Is What Scott Hopkins
Says of OrganizationThat Will Sing "The Messiah"
Next Thursday Night.

IT IS A CREDIT TO THE CITY

Should Be Patronized Liberally
by Citizens of TopekaWhether or Not They Are Lov-
ers of Good Music.

"Everybody should encourage the efforts of the Topeka Musical Art society and its director, Dean Horace Whitehouse," said Scott Hopkins, one of the leading music lovers of the city, this morning. "Thursday night's presentation of the Messiah will be a notable event and well worth hearing. It should be greeted by an audience that will pack the auditorium. We should all show our appreciation of having such a musical organization in our city. It is the best thing of the kind we have ever had and it is our duty to sustain it."

A chorus of 250 voices and an orchestra of 50 pieces in a city the size of Topeka is a credit to the town, a fine advertisement, and a strong factor in building up our musical culture. The Topeka Musical Art society is devoting its entire efforts toward the presentation of only the highest form of music. Only the works of the real masters are attempted. I say, therefore, we owe every possible encouragement to this society. I hope every citizen of Topeka will buy a ticket to 'The Messiah' and go and enjoy it."

Mr. Hopkins is a real friend of the promotion of good music in Topeka. No citizen has given so generously of his time and money to the big musical undertakings of the past two or three years as he. More than once he has unobtrusively slipped down into his pocket and personally met deficits to carry on the efforts of Topeka's musical talent. In appreciation



Dean Horace Whitehouse.

of his loyalty and support, he was elected president of the Musical Art society last December.

"I was very much pleased with the fine start Director Whitehouse and his associates and assistants made while I was away. The seat sale yesterday was much larger than the first day last year, which was gratifying to us. I hope to see the entire house sold out. We have put the prices down to within reach of all, in order that everybody may hear this great oratorio, the greatest ever written. In this way we feel that the musical taste of our people will be improved and uplifted. We are all inspired by good music. We are all bettered by it. And Topeka has none too much of it. Last year many of our leading citizens were induced to become patrons and patronesses of the society's presentation of 'The Messiah.' They bought private boxes and entertained their families and friends. They should and I am sure will do again this year. We need their assistance and encouragement. Nearly half the

boxes have been sold. We want them all occupied and we appeal to those citizens who can do so to give this encouragement to the society's efforts."

In Personal Charge.
Mr. Hopkins has taken active charge of the sale of the private boxes himself and is pushing it with his characteristic vigor.

"The general sale," he said, "is fine, many out-of-town reservations have come in and are still coming. I think we are assured of a very fine audience. Those who do not attend will miss a great pleasure for this year's presentation will far eclipse that of last year. The chorus has developed splendidly. It has grown in numbers, experience and in ensemble is especially good. Director Whitehouse has done splendid work this fall in rehearsal."

The leading parts of "The Messiah," as has been announced, will be taken by four famous soloists, namely: Mrs. Bruno Marcussen, soprano, and Miss Lucy Hartman, alto, of Chicago; James Farrell, tenor, and George Deane, tenor, of Kansas City.

Seats are on sale at Guild's music store at 50, 75c and \$1.

FARMERS TO MEET

Sunflower Agricultural Association
in Annual Session.It Is Composed of Negro Agri-
culturists All Over Kansas.

The Sunflower Agricultural association, composed of colored farmers throughout the state of Kansas, opens its annual session at the Industrial and Educational institute tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. The association is composed of practical farmers from every section of Kansas. These farmers while members of the various county institutes meet annually for discussions peculiarly their own. The association has secured some of the leading agriculturists of the country for addresses. Principal among these is N. C. Bruce, Dalton, Mo., champion corn grower of the United States. Mr. Bruce grew 115 bushels of corn to the acre and was awarded premiums over two thousand white contestants. Prof. George F. Bridgeforth, director of agriculture Tuskegee institute, will deliver several addresses during the conference. The colored agricultural schools in this section of the country will all send representatives.

The program for tomorrow follows:
Wednesday, December 8.

10 a. m.—Meeting of executive committee and trustees.
2 p. m.—Prayer, Rev. F. J. Peck, D. D.

Reports of vice presidents. Appointment of committees.
"The Rotation of Crops," Pryor Dickson, Oak Grove, Okla.

Address: W. H. McAllister, Frankfort; A. L. Alexander, Nicodemus; William Smith, Larned.

"Poetry Reading," Dave Lane, Topeka; O. W. Redding, Independence; Mrs. R. P. Brown, Morris; Riley Potliffe, Maine.

"Growing Potatoes on Clay Soil," Prof. Perry L. Jacobs, Western university, Quadra.

"The Welfare of the Farm," M. W. Freeman, Industrial institute.

"Sticking to a Western Kansas Claim," Miss Georgia Walker, Hudson, Question box.

Evening Program.
7:30 p. m.—Music. Institute students.

Prayer, Rev. G. W. Henry.
"The Need of Closer Co-operation of Colored Farmers," J. G. Groves, Edwarsville.

"The Relation of the Business League to the Farmer," J. M. Wright, Topeka, vice president National Negro Business league.

Address: Prof. George F. Bridgeforth, director of agriculture Tuskegee institute, Tuskegee, Ala.

"Development of an Idea," Prof. J. W. Daniel, Lincoln institute, Jefferson City, Mo.

There will be exhibits of farm, field and household products. The poultry show will be held in the main corridor of Bradford Miller hall. Demonstrations of farm work will be given every morning at 8 o'clock under the direction of Prof. R. E. Malone. All visitors are urged to visit all buildings and departments.

In connection with the general program, a special program has been arranged for the women in attendance. Mrs. Ida Groves-Woods will have charge of the women's session. Among the many subjects to be discussed are: "Making Home Life More Attractive," "Rural Club Work," "Home Coming," "Helping Father" and "New Plans for Next Year."

All women are urged to attend these sessions that will be held in the library of Bradford Miller hall every day. The sessions will be not only open to the negro farmers but to the interested public of both races.

CHANGE AT ORPHEUM
Complete Triangle Program With
Changes Twice a Week Beginning Next Monday.

The Orpheum theater beginning next week will show the complete Triangle program, with changes only twice a week, with the vaudeville. This was announced today by W. E. Cuff, manager of the house.

At the present, the Triangle program is being shown in conjunction with other films occasionally. The photoplays have been changing on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday. However one comedy and one drama will be shown the first half of the week, with an entire change for the last half. "The Goddess," the serial picture, will be the only other film shown. The serial is scheduled for Wednesday as usual.

TOPEKA IS A MODEL

Wichita's Food Inspector Comes to the Capital City to Get Pointers.

A. M. Butler, city food inspector of Wichita, is spending two days in Topeka with Dr. L. W. Rowles, of the city food department, getting facts in regard to the proper organization of his department. He is particularly interested in the methods of handling milk in Topeka.

"Wichita has a food department," he said, "and it is all right as far as it goes but it does not go far enough. I had read enough about the methods followed here to convince me I could get some valuable information. I am not going to visit any other city and am coming to return home as quickly as possible to put what information I have into effect."

TURNS TO COURTS

A Young Farmer Institutes Ha-
beas Corpus Proceedings.Charges That His Fiancee Is
Illegally Restrained.

Topeka, Kan., Dec. 7.—Cupid has turned to the courts here for aid in initiating his newest coup in overcoming the interference of unrelenting parents. George Stockdale, 23 years old, a farmer, instituted habeas corpus proceedings with Judge Oscar Foust to compel James Robb, a farmer living four miles south of Moran, to produce his daughter in court and show why she should not be surrendered to her fiancé, the petitioner, and be permitted to perfect the marriage contract made with him.

According to Stockdale, Agnes, his sweetheart, 18 years old and pretty, is held a prisoner at the Robb farm. The girl was captured by her father and two men after a motor car race in which a little old Ford rambled right along and caught up with another machine which had stopped while the chauffeur dusted off his spark plug.

Met at Home of Farmer.
Miss Robb and Stockdale became acquainted six months ago when they met at the home of a farmer living near Moran.

Their friendship rapidly ripened into love. The course of their courtship was ruffled by numerous obstacles. The father of the girl was told that he must not even walk down the road in front of the Robb home. Despite these obstacles, the couple continued communicating by means of persons friendly to young Stockdale. The father of the girl decided to elope.

Stockdale hired a chauffeur and a motor car for a trip to Fort Scott, where the marriage ceremony was to be performed. He met his fiancée at the home of a neighbor. On the way the car was stopped while the chauffeur made repairs and Miss Robb went into the house of a neighbor. A motor car came down the road at breakneck speed from the direction of the Robb farm. It came to a skidding halt. James Robb, accompanied by two men, leaped from it. The men went into the house and returned with their motor car, the petitioner declares. Stockdale and the bride were left standing in the road.

Of Legal Age.
In his application for a writ of habeas corpus Stockdale contends that his fiancée is of legal age and that James Robb holds no bond to prevent her from entering into and carrying out a contract of marriage. He asserts that Miss Robb holds no bond to prevent him, thus forming a valid and binding agreement, which she is willing to keep if she can obtain her freedom, and that she is being illegally and unlawfully restrained from so doing.

The legal point involved is one which lawyers say the court here never passed upon. The sheriff is directed to cause Miss Robb to be forthwith brought to court, where the judge may determine the merit of the claim.

South Dakota Bank Closes.
Fargo, Dec. 7.—The First National

bank of Casselton, N. D., failed to open for business yesterday and Bank Examiner C. H. Anbier, was in charge today, making an investigation. It is said that slow paper is the cause of the closing and that the bank will be opened again. The bank was established in 1882.

IS NEARING THE GOAL
The Moose 1,000 Membership Campaign Was Given a Big Boost at Meeting Last Night.

The 1,000 member campaign of the Loyal Order of Moose took a decided upturn last night at the regular meeting of the lodge. A large class of candidates was initiated and many applications presented for admission on next Monday night. The lodge divided itself into two teams last night, the Reds and Blues. George W. Ziegler is the captain of the Reds and Edward Lynette of the Blues. These teams will make a thorough canvass of the city for new members for the order. The winning team to act as waiters and serve the winning team at the monster ratification banquet on Friday evening, December 17. The families and prospective candidates will be invited to the banquet.

A program will be rendered followed by a grand ball. The lodge is arranging for a gala day with a brass band and parade. National Director Wimsell will present the captain of the winning team with a handsome emblematic Moose watch. Friday evening a stag smoker will be given at campaign headquarters. This will be an athletic event and Gerald E. Gahan will be the master of ceremonies. This will be for Moose members, their friends and prospective candidates.

Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock a daylight class will be obligated which will consist of those whose vocations make it impossible for them to attend the evening sessions. There will be about 40 in this class. The Red Booster team will meet in the club room tonight at 8 o'clock and the Blue team will meet Wednesday night at the same hour.

Madison Wins Its Fight Before the
Banking Department of the State.

The new Farmers' Bank of Madison, a private banking institution, today received a permit from the state banking department, allowing it to do business. The permit came after a long drawn out fight for the establishment of a third bank in Madison.

Several bankers from the Greenwood country town this week outlined to W. F. Benson, state bank commissioner, their plan to sell the First National bank of Madison. A deal, however, has not been closed. Under the action of the banking department, the new private bank is permitted to do business but is not given a charter. Thirty-five business men and farmers organized the new bank.

Notice.
The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Kansas State Fair association, of Topeka, will be held in the parlors of the Commercial club on the 14th day of December, 1915, 7:30 p. m.—Adv.

SPARE THE TREES

Dr. Wood Calls Attention to the
Crippling and Destruction Go-
ing on in Topeka.

"It is a shame the way Topeka people are allowing alleged tree-doctors to cripple up their trees," declared Dr. H. B. Wood this morning. Dr. Wood, who came to Topeka to look after his sanitation and general health, has not been here long enough to forget that Topeka is a city of beautiful streets and homes, nor long enough to travel the streets without noticing they are lined with trees.

"The thing that first impressed me about Topeka," he said, "was the matter of trees. They have been a thing of beauty all summer and now I see people all over town cropping the limbs off close to the trunk and blighting them for years. Certainly this destroys their beauty and I am even in cutting off limbs some people manage to leave a stump a couple of feet long. This is sure to cause the trunk to rot in time. The limb should be sawed off flush with the trunk, then the bark has some chance to heal over."

Mrs. De Style—"That woman has such a silly excuse for neglecting her social duties." Mrs. Bliton—"What is it?" Mrs. De Style—"Her children."—Judge.

Household Economy

How to Have the Best Cough Remedy and Save \$2 by Making It at Home

Cough medicines, as a rule contain a large quantity of plain syrup. A pint of granulated sugar with ½ pint of warm water, stirred for 2 minutes, gives you as good syrup as money can buy.

Then get from your druggist 2½ ounces Pinex (50 cents worth), pour into a pint bottle and fill the bottle with sugar syrup. This gives you, at a cost of only 54 cents, a full pint of really better cough syrup than you could buy ready made for \$2.50—a clear saving of nearly \$2. Full directions with Pinex. It keeps perfectly and tastes good.

It takes hold of the usual cough or chest cold at once and conquers it in 24 hours. Splendid for whooping cough, bronchitis and winter coughs.

It's truly astonishing how quickly it loosens the dry, hoarse or tight cough and heals and soothes the inflamed membranes in the case of a painful cough. It also stops the formation of phlegm in the throat and bronchial tubes, thus ending the persistent loose cough.

Pinex is a highly concentrated compound of genuine Norway pine extract, combined with guarana, and has been used for generations to heal inflamed membranes of the throat and chest.

To avoid disappointment, ask your druggist for "2½ ounces of Pinex," and don't accept anything else. A guarantee of absolute satisfaction, or money promptly refunded, goes with the preparation. The Pinex Co., Ft. Wayne, Ind.

(Advertisement.)

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FURNITURE Makes the most practical gift because it is founded upon its usefulness, durability and acceptability. This store offers a range wide enough to suit all gift purposes, from the fancy novelty pieces to the more staple everyday furniture. Make this Christmas gift a useful one by giving Furniture, the most sensible of all gifts.

This Elegant Mahogany Library Table Only \$17.45

Massive Colonial pattern; nicely shaped iron; roomy drawer and lower shelf; 45x28 inch top. Dull mahogany. \$17.45 value, this week, for only \$17.45

Mahogany Smoker Stands

Practical gift, 28 inches high; heavy 8-inch base; match box and 2 cigar holders; removable glass tray. While 50 last, for only \$14.95

Tea Wagons

Most helpful and appreciated gift. Saves many steps. Makes serving a pleasure. Roomy 28x18 inch removable serving tray; heavy artillery rubber tired wheels. Your choice genuine solid mahogany, turned or golden oak; \$22.50 value, for only \$14.95

Buy Her a Sewing Machine

Think of the pleasure sewing will be if you put an ELDREDGE in your home. Let us show you the best 2 speed, no bobbin machine in the world. Here you can buy a 5-drawer, drop head machine, with attachments, for only \$16.95

Child's Desk and Chair \$2.65

Both Chair and Desk made of solid oak, finished with a fine varnish. Securely fastened oak. High-back chair. Solid special for both, at only \$2.65

Folding Card Table

A dandy present, wood is nicely finished mahogany, 31x23 inch top covered in imitation leather; round, metal bound corners. Table folds flat, \$2.45 value for only \$1.45

Rugs Make Splendid Christmas Gifts

Floor Coverings specially priced for this week. American Made Rugs of highest standard quality may be bought here during this sale, at prices much below "Standard."

9x12 French Wilton Rug, fine as silk, for \$59.75	BISSELL CARPET SWEEPERS \$1.95 to \$5.25	9x12 Royal Wilton Rug, of all worsted yarns \$36.75
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Chinese and Persian patterns, in all the new colorings, liberally represented in this special selling of the smartest Rugs our American industry affords.

\$23.00 Axminster Rug, 9x12, \$17.45	\$18.00 Scotch Wool Rugs, 8x12, for \$14.25
\$39.00 Axminster Rug, seamless, 9x12, \$19.85	\$12.50 Tapestry Brussels Rugs, 9x12, \$9.75
\$27.50 Wilton Velvet Rugs, seamless, 9x12, \$18.75	\$10.00 Wool and Fiber, 9x12 \$6.95
\$17.50 Wilton Velvet Rugs, seamless, 9x12, \$13.85	\$5.00 Mating Rugs, 9x12, \$3.75

\$4.00 Matting Rugs, suitable for bedrooms, 9x11-8, \$1.98
\$1.35 Inlaid Linoleum, (blocked through to the back,) yd.98c
\$5c Printed Linoleum, 12 ft. wide, square yd. 55c
\$1.00 Velvet Stair Carpet, 27-in. wide, yard, 75c

Christmas Purchases Carefully Wrapped and Delivered Later

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Home of Hart Schaffner & Marx Clothes

You may now buy better than ever clothes at \$20 and \$25

It's very possible now to buy finer clothes than you've ever owned for \$20 or \$25—it's not only possible but actual—we're selling them. The offer is the result of a series of extra special purchases from Hart Schaffner & Marx—deep price cuts on their part—you save all that we saved—the importance of the event can't be too broadly asserted. But see the clothes—they prove their worth more quickly than we can tell it—all sizes, all styles, all weaves—for men and young men.

\$20 and \$25

Everybody's Store for Useful Xmas Gifts

ONE Special Lot of Fine Sample Sweaters, many of them only one of a kind, in heavy Shaker knit, rope knit and other weaves, including Angora and Lambsdown yarns. This is an exceptional lot of sweaters and when sold there will be no more, as it is a limited lot. The lot contains values as high as \$10.00. For this sale, each \$5.00

ONE Lot of Tuck Stitch Weave Sweaters, in Oxford gray, with shawl collars, No-tail button holes. This is an exceptional lot of sweaters and when sold we will not be able to duplicate, as they were priced away under the regular values. \$2.50 These on sale at.

Ladies' Sweaters Make Fine Gifts

A FINE assortment specially for the holidays; beautiful wools, angora and silk ones; original ideas different from what you see elsewhere; beautiful colors. See them—\$5 to \$25

MUNSLING WEAR

Union Suits for Men
WE CARRY it in the various weights and colors in which it is made. Prices range, per suit, from \$1 to \$4

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The Proof of the Pudding Is the Taste

If you are interested in knowing who is selling the pianos in Topeka, watch the front of our store. See the draymen hauling pianos and player-pianos to the many homes in Topeka, and also to the railway stations to out of town buyers.

Second Hand Bargains Shop Worn Pianos, Player-Pianos

We would like to have every one who is interested in a second hand piano, or player piano, to visit the stores of all other dealers, take a list of pianos, and prices, and then come to our store and let us prove to you that we can sell you the same piano at about half, and give you just as easy terms.

We have a very large list of shop worn pianos and player-pianos which are in reality as good as if they had just left the factory, still, on account of the fact that some of them have a very slight shop worn appearance, we are offering them in this sale at even less than half price. EASY TERMS will be accepted.

To the Fathers and Mothers

No doubt you contemplate purchasing a piano for your daughter at some time. Perhaps you have hesitated in the past, because you did not feel able to buy a good piano, and was not willing to put your money in a poor instrument. If for that, or any other reason you have not bought, we can now solve the problem. At the prices at which we are offering in our closing out sale, the same will enable you to buy a strictly high grade piano at about half of what piano dealers would have to ask you. REMEMBER, we made the pianos we are offering in this sale, and you certainly realize that we are in a position to undersell piano dealers.

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